

CROSS, EDWARD EPHRAM

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CROSS, EDWARD EPHRAM, born April 22, 1832, at Lancaster, Coos County, New Hampshire, son of Ephram and Abigail (Everett) Cross; attended the common school and academy at Lancaster; apprenticed as sprinter at age 15 and in two years became Foreman of the Coos Democrat; went to Ohio as journeyman printer, 1852; became reporter and local editor of the Cincinnati Times, 1854, and that same year canvassed Ohio for the Native American Party; was Washington correspondent for the Times during two sessions of Congress and also wrote articles for other newspapers including the New York Herald.

Traveled in the West and wrote sketches of his adventures and experiences under the nom de plume of "Richard Everett"; employed at St. Louis, Missouri, by the St. Louis and Arizona Mining Company, of which he was a stockholder, and went to the Gadsden Purchase via Texas, 1858; editor of the Weekly Arizonian at Tubac from February 1859 to July 1860, the first newspaper published in Arizona; the Washington hand press *ha used is now* cared for by the Arizona Pioneers Historical Society at Tucson.

Fought a duel at Tubac on July 8, 1859 with Sylvester Mowry in which Burnside rifles at 40 paces were used, George D. Mercer and Captain John W. Donaldson being the seconds; four shots were fired in a high wind, neither was injured, and the duelists became such good friends that Cross supported Mowry for Congress; listed at Ft. Buchanan, U.S. Census, August 23, 1860, as Editor with property valued at \$7500.

Accepted appointment as Lieutenant in the Mexican Liberal Army and assigned to command of the garrison at El Fuerte, Sonora; resigned and returned to the United States when he heard of the outbreak of the

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Civil War; commissioned by Governor Berry as Colonel, 5th Regiment, New Hampshire Infantry and mustered into service October 26, 1861; assumed command of the Brigade at Battle of Fair Oaks after General O.O. Howard was wounded; was himself wounded in the thigh in that battle, June 1, 1862; hit five times at the battle of Antietam but not seriously injured, September 16, 1862; twice wounded by fragments of shells at Battle of Fredericksburg, December 13, 1862; afterwards asserted that the dead of his regiment lay nearer the Confederate rifle pits than those of any other regiment of the Army of the Potomac.

Won special mention for gallant conduct at the Battle of Chancellorsville, May 2-4, 1863; placed in command First Brigade, First Division, Second Army Corps, June 17, 1863; recommended for promotion to Brigadier General; fatally shot through the abdomen at the Battle of Gettysburg, July 2, 1863; his remains were interred at Lancaster, Coos County, New Hampshire, amid a great concourse of people, by the Masonic fraternity of which he was a member; a monument erected by friends commemorates his services and marks the spot of his repose.

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